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Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the misleading and baseless information widely circulated by certain media circles regarding the Sudanese aircraft that landed in Kufra Airport, Libya, on 4 September 2014, I have the honour to state the following naked facts:

1. Pursuant to the Joint Military and Security Cooperation Protocol signed between the Government of the Republic of the Sudan and the Government of Libya on 9 August 2012 (the signatory part from Libya was Abdallah Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Minister of Defence at that time, who is currently the Prime Minister of Libya), a joint force from the two countries has been deployed along the borders, and according to the provisions of that protocol, the Government of the Republic of the Sudan agreed to provide 70 per cent of the military supplies for the joint forces while the Government of Libya provides 30 per cent.

2. Due to the current crisis in Libya, the Libyan Government was not able to fulfil its logistical commitments according to that protocol, furthermore the Libyan commander of the joint forces has formally requested the Sudanese part many times to provide all the needed logistical support for the joint border forces, including the ammunition and weapons (a copy of his letter dated 7 August 2014 is herewith attached) (see annex).

3. In line with its obligations according to the aforementioned protocol, the Government of the Republic of the Sudan deployed, on 4 September 2014, the Sudanese military aircraft (Antonov-74) loaded with the needed logistical military supplies to Kufra Airport after getting first the approval and clearance from the Libyan Authority, namely the commander of the joint forces from the Libyan part, Colonel Suliman Hamid Hassan, who received the said flight.

Having brought these facts to your kind attention, I would like to reiterate our total rejection of such outrageous and unwarranted accusations, which contravene the excellent brotherly relations between Sudan and Libya, and the unwavering commitment of the Government of the Sudan towards peace and stability in Libya.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Rahamtalla Mohamed Osman **Elnor**
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]
[7 August 2014]

To: Commander of the Sudanese force

We should like to express our great appreciation for the effective role you play in protecting our shared borders. We should also like to inform you that, owing to political circumstances in Libya, we have not been able to obtain what we need in order to continue operating. Accordingly, we might be obliged to withdraw the Libyan force that is operating along the border in accordance with the agreement. The State has thus far not provided us with anything.

Please note that we are currently in great need of various types of ammunition, certain weapons, an ambulance, a water tanker truck and a fuel tanker truck.

(*Signed*) Colonel Suliman Hamid **Hassan**
Commander, Kufra Operations Group